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For: POROUS CALCIUM PHOSPHATE CERAMIC AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Final Office Action mailed March 13, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to expire on June 15, 2009 (as June 13, 2009 is a Saturday and June 14, 2009 is a Sunday), this response is filed concurrently with a Request for a Two Month Extension of Time. No additional Extension is believed due at this time. However, if any Extension is due, the same is hereby requested and if any required fee is deemed necessary to maintain pendency of the instant application, the Office is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.